

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 25, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jarrod Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Jarrod Pfaff, Larry Hunt, John Kuehner and Rob Watkins. Staff - Public Works Superintendent Dave Ulrick, Police Chief Jerry Neumann, Clerk/Treasurer Annie Pillers. Public: Brian Conklin. Absent: Andrew Flodin and Tim Southern.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Larry Hunt **MOVED** the minutes of March 11, 2009, be approved as written. Rob Watkins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Dave Ulrick reported:

1. **Reservoir Overflow Meter** – The technician will be out next Tuesday to look at the equipment. Dave will follow up with him about an automatic shut off if the well starts to overflow, not just an overflow detector. Mayor Pfaff asked about metering the overflow so the town could track its actual water loss. Dave said he was looking into this and a paddle wheel meter was an option. Dave noted since the 9v battery was changed the system appears to be working better. Dave would be following up with Evergreen Rural Water for leak detection, but noted they cannot test the meters on the wells. It was noted even the best meters can't register minor flows such as a faucet drip or toilet running. Dave indicated since the telemetry antenna was remounted and reattached, they have not had any problems for a couple of days.
2. **WTP Pumps/Circuit Board** - Dave showed council the circuit board that had burned up which used to run the WWTP pump. Dave has been replacing these boards with starters. He noted the power company wants the town to use the boards as they reduce power consumption and the motor starts slowly. But Dave confirmed they don't work well. The board is outdated and parts can't be found for it.
3. **I&I Leak Detection Bid** - Mayor Pfaff updated council on the meeting with the Public Works Trust Board. They have a 6 year loan at 0% interest for planning, such as I&I leak detection. Dave contacted several companies about the project, but none have responded yet. Dave will follow up on this. The mayor noted once the town has a map of the leaks the town could bid out the work or work on it over time. Dave estimated approximately 10,000 feet of lines in town and recommended the clay lines that were not replaced, be looked at now.
4. **2-inch water meters** – Dave confirmed the 2-inch water meter at the meat market needed cleaning and would be done tomorrow. The 2-inch meter, an old turbine meter at the school is not registering. It will be replaced with a new one. He expects to replace that meter during the school's Spring Break.
5. **Street Patching** – The asphalt patch mix the town previously purchased in bulk for approximately \$70-\$75 a ton is now only available in bags from the West side at a cost of \$300 a ton. Dave is not sure what to do with street patching needs this year.
6. **DeWalt Batteries** – The town's DeWalt tools currently use nikaid batteries which are no longer available. The new DeWalt systems use Lithium batteries which are more expensive. Nikaid batteries could be picked up to for \$120 for two, while lithium batteries are \$150 a piece. Dave will watch for a good deal. It may be he will find a DeWalt kit system (tool and batteries) for as good a price as just the Lithium batteries. He noted the nikaid batteries are good for roughly 80 cycles while the lithium batteries are good for 160 cycles. He estimated the current usage is 80 cycles a year.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Police Chief Jerry Neumann provided council with the bi-monthly activity time log. He noted this bi-monthly activity log gave an accounting of time for that period. The other report will account for activity. Mayor Pfaff asked when the current contract expired. Chief Neumann thought it was April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pfaff would follow up with Michael Echanove. Chief Neumann confirmed the police

department was on board for the May Day activities - Fun Run in the morning, the parade, afternoon activities, and the evening all school reunion gathering/dance. Brian Conklin noted there would also be music in the park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **S&M Mini-Storage Fence/Sidewalk:** Council discussed the pending mini-storage project for the corner of Main Street and SR 27 and considered various fencing material options (vinyl, chain link) and security issues. Mayor Pfaff reported meeting with the owners earlier in the day. A vinyl fence would be roughly \$3,000. A chain link fence would be about \$1,500. The owner was proposing a chain link fence with slats. Chief Neumann said for security purposes, they would prefer not to see slats and the fence starting at ground up. Larry Hunt confirmed the State would not allow access to and from the property along the state highway. The state was agreeable to shrubs/greenery along the highway side.

Council consensus was for a 6 foot chain link fence with shrubs along the outside of the fence. It was suggested the owner place one or two "no-parking" signs on the outside of the fence. Mayor Pfaff would contact the owner.

Larry Hunt noted the owners intended to build the first building (25' x 75') along the west side of the property. Later the plan would be for a second building closer to the highway. The entire property would be graveled. At a later time, the owners would consider paving the entire area, including the Main Street access. Council agreed, since the entry for the mini-storage runs along the Main Street side of the property, S&M Storage would be allowed to gravel the sidewalk area, as long as the owners maintain it in such a manor that it is passable by pedestrians. It was confirmed there was a meter on the property. Dave Ulrick would make sure there was a concrete box over the meter to make it passable.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Larry Hunt noted a recent inquiry about getting the area behind the Roger Roper property on California Street cleaned up prior to May Day. Larry Hunt would follow up on this matter.

**APPROVAL OF CHECKS:**

John Kuehner **MOVED** to approve the transfer of \$25,598.71 from the 401 Water Fund into the 403 Sewer Loan Redemption Fund for the DOE Loan Payment #14. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Larry Hunt **MOVED** to approve the following bills presented to council for payment. Rob Watkins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Check Register #8973-#8987. Claims: \$31,625.88, Payroll: \$6,439.86. TOTAL: \$38,065.74.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rob Watkins **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Larry Hunt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Jarrold Pfaff, Mayor**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Annie Pillers, Clerk/Treasurer**